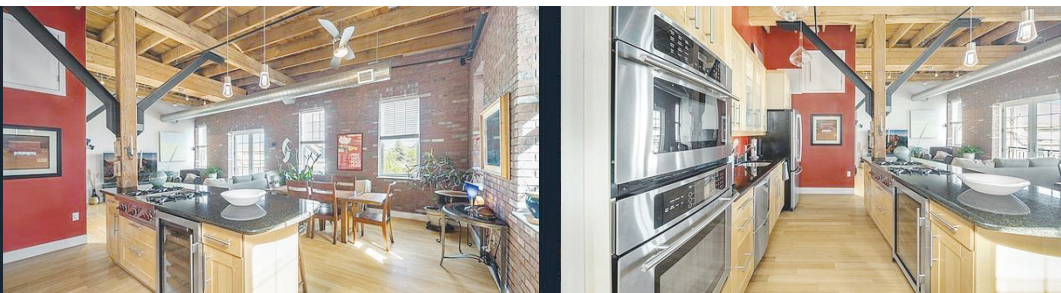


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William August and his sister Rose just before William left to serve his country in World War II.



Jonathan and Anna's wedding photo in 1946. The two were married after Jonathan visited his friend's grieving family after the war.

Salesians Boys & Girls Club to host fundraiser

By John Lynds

As things slowly get back to normal with more and more residents being vaccinated, the Salesian Boys & Girls Club staff have decided to move forward with their annual spring fundraiser on June 10.

Last year, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic the Salesian Boys and Girls Club was forced to cancel its annual in-person fundraiser that raises money for the Club through an auction and donations. The event also raises money for Salesian Summer Camp Scholarships.

After a very challenging year, Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Michael Triant said the Salesian are thrilled to have this opportunity to safely celebrate being together while raising funds for Eastie's youth.

Dubbed "A Celebration of Resiliency" the unique outdoor event will be held on Thursday, June 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. under a tent inside the Club's parking lot on Byron Street.

"This will be a unique outdoor event taking place under a tent at the Club," said Triant. "We will come

together to enjoy a fun safe evening with good friends, great auction prizes, delicious food, and drinks while raising money for our After School Program and Scholarships for our Summer Camp Program."

Triant said awards will be presented to the extraordinary frontline healthcare workers at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center for their tremendous sacrifices and service to the Eastie community during the devastating pandemic.

Michael Merullo, a longtime club supporter with a passion for helping Boys & Girls Club members, will also be honored at the event with the Don Bosco Award.

Funds raised will go directly towards scholarships for summer camp and after school programs.

"We have taken a brief break from public fundraisers due to the pandemic, and your assistance is needed now more than ever before," said Triant. "This is our largest fundraising event of the year, and we appreciate any support. No child will ever be denied Club programs and services due to financial reasons."

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An East Boston Memorial Day story

By John Lynds

Like many of his peers William August rushed down to the local US Army recruiter and signed up to serve his country after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

The middle child of Joseph and Albina August of East Boston, William shipped off in 1942 and left his parents, his sisters, Anna and Rose, and his girlfriend Mary behind. His sister Rose's husband, John Hennessey, was al-

ready serving in the US Coast Guard aboard the USS Camp. The Camp was a destroyer escort that protected Naval convoys from German U-Boat attacks as the US military began shipping weapons, supplies and troops from the U.S. to England.

After basic training William was assigned to the U.S. Army's 38th Field Hospital Medical Unit in the Pacific. As the US military was gearing up for D-Day, William took part in the military build up in

Honolulu for war against the Japanese in the Pacific.

It was here William met a young man from San Francisco named Jonathan Bratt. The two Army medics became fast friends. With the horrors of war about to unfold for both men, the two formed a bond only those who have served would understand.

In the campaigns of 1943 and the first half of 1944, the Allies had captured the Solomon Islands, the Gilbert Islands, the Marshall Islands and

the Papuan Peninsula of New Guinea. This left the Japanese holding the Philippines, the Caroline Islands, the Palau Islands, and the Mariana Islands.

As the US prepared for D-Day and with his brother-in-law on the other side of the world serving in the Atlantic, William and his new friend Jonathan left Pearl Harbor with the invasion fleet on June 5, the day before "Operation

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Mario Umana Academy is now looking to fill kindergarten seats

By John Lynds

This week, the Mario Umana Academy Principal Christina Michel and the school's Family Liaison Elvin Argueta announced the school will host an informational event on Wednesday June 16 at 8:00 am and another at 1:00 pm to enroll students in the Umana's kindergarten programs.

Michel and Argueta said the Umana has a few dozen spots open to register Kindergarten students into Eastie's dual-language school.

"We're just trying to be proactive and ensure the community is aware of their options," said Michel. "Maybe due to the pandemic families have been a little hesitant to register and so we're hoping that with some outreach

we can really try and help them make an informed decision about where they would like their kids to spend the next year coming out of the pandemic."

Michel said at the June 16 event families can learn more about the school's dual-language programs, tour kindergarten classrooms and meet teachers.

"We wanted to invite members of the community to just come in and meet our kindergarten team and get to know the dual language program," said Michel.

Michel and Argueta said they were both surprised by the number of slots open in the Umana's K-1 and K-0 classrooms because Eastie families are usually quick to enroll their children in these programs because so few exist citywide and are not

available at every school.

The starting age for the Umana's kindergarten programs is 4-years-old.

"It's kind of surprising that there are this many open slots," said Argueta. "We were a little surprised by it so we're trying to do our own thing here at the Umana and finding different ways to approach the community."

Argueta has been traveling around Eastie, approaching parents to hand out information on the school and its programs as well as the June 16 event.

"We're just being present in the neighborhood, at playgroups and letting parents know about our event," he said. "Hopefully this will attract more parents to the event where they can come to

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SALUTING AN HONORABLE PERSON



On May 30, family and friends gathered across from his family home in Winthrop, to remember the Honorable Joseph V. Ferrino, pay their respects and be part of the dedication to a square in his memory. Closing out a very touching and heartfelt ceremony was the Winthrop American Legion Honor Guard, Post 146. Joseph V. Ferrino Sr. passed away on November 22, 2020. See Page 6 for more photos.



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Massachusetts allowed to continue P-EBT benefits through the summer

By John Lynds

While the COVID-19 virus may be slowing down, the fallout from the yearlong pandemic and economic downturn that increased unemployment and food insecurity locally is still very much a reality.

While food banks, food distribution sites and other efforts to address hunger in the community are ongoing many were anxiously awaiting to see if the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program, launched at the height of the pandemic would be extended.

P-EBT is a federal program that is jointly administered by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). P-EBT promotes increased food security for families whose children receive free or reduced-price school meals through the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program (NSLP). During the COVID-19 pandemic the program covered the cost of school

meals for students in remote or hybrid learning environments.

The recent American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allowed states to continue providing P-EBT for families through summer 2021.

This week Massachusetts received federal approval to continue providing EBT benefits to families through summer 2021. The DTA estimates this will provide continued financial assistance for the families of more than 600,000 school-age children and 88,000 children under six in households that get SNAP benefits to buy food as Massachusetts families recover from the economic impact of the pandemic.

"I am pleased to see the extension of P-EBT benefits through summer 2021," said Representative Adrian Madaro. "P-EBT has been a vital tool in addressing food insecurity in East Boston. These funds have been critical for our neighbors, helping them to buy food for their children and bridge the gap as they re-

cover from the economic impact of the pandemic". Massachusetts Approved to Provide P-EBT for Families through Summer 2021

In Eastie and throughout Massachusetts, all students who have received P-EBT will receive a total of \$375 in P-EBT benefits in two equal payments of \$187.50 this summer. The first payment will be issued on July 1 and the second payment will be issued on August 1. Students who graduated in 2020 or have moved out of Massachusetts will not receive P-EBT benefits in the summer.

Families who receive SNAP and have received P-EBT for their children under six years old will also receive two summer P-EBT payments of \$187.50, totaling \$375 for the summer. Payments for these children will be made on July 25 and August 25.

DTA estimates that P-EBT is expected to bring more than \$280 million into the Commonwealth's economy this summer, providing near-

ly \$250 million for more than 600,000 school-aged children and \$33 million for approximately 88,000 SNAP-enrolled children under the age of six.

Massachusetts initially launched its P-EBT program in April 2020 when schools closed due to COVID-19, was one of a few states to receive federal approval for September P-EBT benefits and was the first state in the nation to receive approval to continue P-EBT through the 2020-2021 school year.

In March 2021, the program was extended to provide P-EBT benefits for children in child care.

A family already re-

ceiving P-EBT benefits will have the extended benefits added to existing EBT cards. If not actively receiving these benefits, family's will receive a P-EBT card in the mail for each eligible student in a household.

From the onset of the Covid-19 crisis many Eastie agency's like Project Bread advocated at the state and federal level for Massachusetts to receive a waiver to operate a P-EBT program.

COVID-19 has increased food insecurity in Massachusetts by a whopping 300 percent and school closures through March have significantly

affected households that rely on free or reduced price meals to help feed children and make ends meet.

Providing two nutritious meals every weekday not only helps kids thrive it also allows money that would have been spent on food to go toward other necessities like rent or utilities.

Some other good news about P-EBT is that it is available to households regardless of immigration status so undocumented residents are able to receive the funds as long as they meet the general conditions for eligibility.

Baker issues Order rescinding COVID-19 restrictions

Staff report

On Friday afternoon, Governor Charlie Baker joined Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy and Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders to sign an Executive Order terminating the Commonwealth's State of Emergency effective June 15, 2021.

The Order also rescinded most COVID-19 restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, which went into effect on Saturday, May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents.

This week, the Commonwealth passed the 3.5 million mark for fully vaccinated residents.

"Today marks an important milestone in our fight against COVID-19 here in the Commonwealth," said Governor

Baker. "Over the last 15 months, the residents of Massachusetts have shown an incredible amount of strength and resiliency, and we are pleased to take this step forward towards a return to normal."

Effective May 29, all industries were permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100 percent for all industries. All gathering limits were also rescinded.

To continue certain public health requirements, like requiring face coverings in certain settings, to remain effective past June 15, Governor Baker today issued a modified declaration of a public health emergency under the pub-

lic health statute.

Under this order, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Health will be proposing to the Public Health Council the continuation of some public health orders in the coming weeks to maintain flexibilities and policies for vaccination, testing and other critical operations.

Earlier this week, Governor Baker filed legislation to extend certain emergency measures currently in place via executive orders that are set to expire on June 15 with the end of the State of Emergency. The bill would extend measures providing for a temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining at restaurants, and surprise billing protections for COVID-19 patients.

Eastie LGBTQ Pride Flag Rasing to return in-person Friday

By John Lynds

The Annual LGBTQ Pride Flag raising ceremony will return to Piers Park in-person on Friday after being forced to hold a remote ceremony during the height of the pandemic last year.

Organizers Celeste Hewitt and Josue Espinoza will join Massport, Eastie elected officials and members of the neighborhood's LGBTQ community to raise the ceremonial flag at 6 p.m. on Friday.

"Last year we were virtual and this year we're back to in-person with a virtual option for those who are taking their

time venturing back out to public events," said Hewitt. "We also added a "Post-Pandemic Picnic" to the program and we are encouraging people to come down to the flag raising, bringing some food and stay a while to enjoy the weather and the community."

Espinoza will be the keynote speaker and address some of the challenges the LGBTQ community and the community as a whole faced during the pandemic with a focus on healing, community and equity as we move closer to normalcy.

"We just didn't know

where we would be at this point in the pandemic and it was tough to plan not knowing what the guidelines were going to be," said Hewitt. "But people want to be engaged so we're glad that the restrictions have been lifted enough that we can kind of come together as a community after this harrowing year we've had on all fronts."

With June as the official LGBTQ Pride Month, residents from across Eastie have been coming together since 2014 to build and strengthen a sense of community for local LGBTQ residents.

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our school, see the classrooms, meet our teachers because some families may not know they can start registering their child at four-years-old. So we just want to get the word out and educate as many families as we can about it. We have a big immigrant community in Eastie who sometimes don't know what their children are eligible for so we want to highlight all their options at the Umana."

One of the programs at the Umana Argueta hopes to highlight is the school's dual language program.

"The awesome thing about the Umana is that we are a dual language school," said Argueta, who attended the Umana as a student. "We offer both English and Spanish classes where students of all backgrounds can learn a second language. Since arriving here last year I've seen that many of our

sixth graders, who were from Non-Latino families, speak fluent Spanish because they have been enrolled in the dual language program from a very early age. It's something that is really amazing."

For more information on how to enroll your child or for more information on the June 16 event, please contact Elvin Argueta at 617-539-6204.

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Gubernatorial candidate Downing committed to end child poverty, cut overall poverty in half

By John Lynds

Last week, Gubernatorial Candidate and East Boston resident Ben Downing released his anti-poverty agenda and, if elected, wants Massachusetts to commit to ending child poverty and cutting overall poverty in half by 2030.

“The child poverty rate in our state is 20 percent higher than the overall poverty rate,” said Downing “The Black and Latinx poverty rates are 87 percent and 108 percent higher than overall. Poverty is a racial equity issue that permeates all other issues. Living in poverty is directly related to educational attainment gaps, health inequity and more.”

If elected, the former State Senator from Western Mass said Massachusetts will set a goal of eliminating child poverty and cutting overall poverty in half.

“We will do that by the following steps, among others, double the Earned Income Tax Credit, establish a partial match of the Federal Child Tax Credit, fund outreach for tax assistance to maximize uptake of credits and create a statewide jobs program leveraging all administration initiatives,” said Downing. “Massachusetts will also eliminate child hunger and cut overall hunger in half by 2030.”

Massachusetts has experienced the highest

increase of child food insecurity anywhere in the country since COVID with overall food insecurity more than double--leaving one in six households statewide food insecure.

“Hunger disproportionately impacts children and people of color,” said Downing “One in 6 white households with kids were food insecure at the end of last year compared with one in three Black and one in four Latinx households.”

Downing said his administration would set a goal of eliminating child hunger and cutting overall hunger/food insecurity in half by 2030.

“We will do that by making universal school meals permanent, increasing the Mass Emergency Food Assistance Program budget to \$45 million, increasing support for summer meal outreach, creating the Hunger-APR program to help farmers preserve land dedicated to meeting the needs of food insecure families, and creating state reimbursement for SNAP outreach. We will invest in a resilient, sustainable, local food system, providing direct grants to farmers and building out the infrastructure to deliver products reliably to markets and the people who need them.”

Downing said he will also address housing security by developing a five-year homelessness reduc-

tion budget plan focused on substantially increasing and fortifying the Emergency Assistance, Home Base and Rental Voucher programs.

“Investments will prioritize acute support for the unhoused as well as the development of an ample permanent supportive housing stock,” he said. “The budget plan will intentionally address communities disproportionately impacted by housing insecurity, including those struggling with substance use, LGBTQ+ youth, veterans, and people with disabilities.”

To address joblessness Downing’s plan will organize a community-based jobs program in 20 neighborhoods/communities with the highest poverty rates.

“State support will include funding skill training and small business technical assistance and direct state support to anchor institutions who shift spending away from external sources and towards community employers,” he said. “Priority will be placed on support for Black, Brown, LGBTQ, and women-owned businesses, with special consideration for those who prioritize worker ownership and community wealth building.”

Downing said his anti-poverty policy can not be accomplished unless there is strong governance backing the plan. He said

to accomplish these goals, all state government agencies must coordinate to leverage current efforts to reduce poverty.

“Too often the state government does not coordinate within agencies, between programs or across issues areas,” he said. “Programs designed to undo poverty as well as hunger and homelessness reduction are spread out across multiple well-intentioned efforts. Unfortunately, over time, they act in silos, with inequitable outcomes for the people

intended to be served. The end result is a higher concentration of poverty, hunger, and housing insecurity because of programs that manage, instead of solve, problems.”

Downing pointed out that often these programs are inaccessible and confusing, acting as yet another structural barrier for Black and Brown communities, single parents or single income families, children, and the unhoused.

“I will appoint a new cabinet level official to

coordinate anti-poverty efforts across state government, including establishing a Shared Equity Leadership Working Group that is composed of all Cabinets and state agency commissioners,” said Downing. “They will present to me, if elected, a plan for reorganizing the state government to meet poverty reduction goals within 100 days, They will then present an implementation strategy building off of the initial recommendations within 180 days.”

PJ Kennedy receives \$20,000 grant to help fill gaps left by the pandemic

By John Lynds

Principal of Patrick J Kennedy Elementary School Kristen Goncalves said her school community has been greatly impacted by the pandemic this past year in multiple ways and has searched for ways to help rebuild the emotional well being of students and staff.

In February, the Kennedy applied for a Boston Schools Fund grant back in February for extra resources to help fill the gaps that will be left by the pandemic as the school returns to a ‘new normal’.

Last week the Boston Schools Fund announced that the Kennedy was one of five Boston schools chosen to receive a \$20,000 Re-Centering Implementation grant to equip school leaders with the tools, extra resources, and capacity they need to re-center on what matters the most for students and staff.

The grant will help support programs to address the social-emotional wellness of all students, staff, and families; individualized understanding of student learning needs; and evidence-based, therapeutic approaches to learning that acknowledge the past year of trauma the pandemic has caused.

“This grant will help us support students, families, and staff with social-emotional needs and develop academic recovery

plans that will be crucial for our school next year,” said Goncalves. “It’s really cool because we get to work with partners who supported us in creating our plan for getting through the pandemic this year. Honestly, we couldn’t have done it without their support. So we’re going through our toolkit to make a personalized plan for our school moving forward but also looking at best practices on how we can recover, recuperate and think of innovative ways that we can change education post-pandemic.”

Goncalves said the Kennedy’s Re-centering Grant will help the school identify where exactly gaps are.

“You hear a lot about learning loss or instructional gap but we really don’t know what it is right now,” she said. “We know our kids came back in and when we opened back up we’ve got 80% of our kids back and they’ve got some strong skills and our teaching was working but we need this grant to help us identify exactly where we need to pinpoint and target our instruction for next year.”

Goncalves said she is personally and mostly concerned with social emotional support, not only for the school’s kids but also for the staff.

“We know that we really ramped up social emotional support for this

entire year and that was our main focus,” she said. “Our families and staff have been in isolation for a year and I think we’ve all felt it in some way.”

founder and CEO of Boston Schools Fund Will Austin said students, families and educators have lost so much in the last 14 months.

“We can’t wait,” he said. “We need to put resources towards these kids now.”

The Re-Centering Implementation grants are part of an overall \$250,000 effort by the nonprofit to support post pandemic education in Boston.

Boston Schools Fund has also released a School Re-Centering Guide, a nationally researched, evidenced-based toolkit any Boston school or district leader can use to address pandemic-related learning loss and focus on holistic student recovery.

“Even with massive resources coming in from the federal government, educators need the capacity to ensure they are using their resources as well as possible,” says Austin.

The Guide and accompanying interactive website include comprehensive planning tools and materials grounded in best practices for student culture, curriculum and instruction, social-emotional wellness, talent management, and family engagement, among others.

Project illuminates where giant exoplanets reside

Staff Report

Astronomers have long wondered whether the configuration of planets in our solar system is common elsewhere in the universe. New results from the longest-running survey of exoplanets helps answer this question.

Small, rocky planets in our solar system, like Earth, are found closer to the sun, while giant planets like Jupiter and Saturn sit farther away. The California Legacy Survey looked at the brightest stars in the northern hemisphere for 30 years to determine whether other solar systems are organized this way too.

The survey results are being published in two Astrophysical Journal Supplement articles. They found that the overwhelming majority of giant exoplanets fall between 1 and 10 astronomical units or AU from their host stars.

An AU is roughly 93 million miles, the distance between Earth and the sun. Jupiter is roughly 5 AU from the sun, and Saturn is about 10.

“This tells us that yes, solar systems like ours are fairly normal,” said UC Riverside astrophysicist Stephen Kane. “It also gives us a lot of information about how and where giant planets are able to form.”

One popular method of searching for exoplanets involves monitoring stars for “wobble,” in which a star moves toward and away from Earth. The wobble is likely caused by the gravitational pull a nearby planet exerts on it.

This method is biased toward planets close to their stars, since these are likely to have more wobble.

It was necessary for this survey to be as long as it was, Kane said, because farther-flung planets have less detectable wobbling, and they also tend to take much longer to orbit their stars. For example, Saturn takes 30 years to go around the sun.

“If we observe another star for 30 years, we can start to see if that star might have a Saturn,” Kane said.

Many searches for planets around other stars target a specific area of the sky or certain type of star. This project took a much broader approach that worked like a demographic census, in which pollsters study a wide range of people.

“If you only observe a couple of stars, you wonder if your results are normal,” Kane said. “By observing a random sampling of hundreds of stars, we can trust the results are more representative of stars in general.”

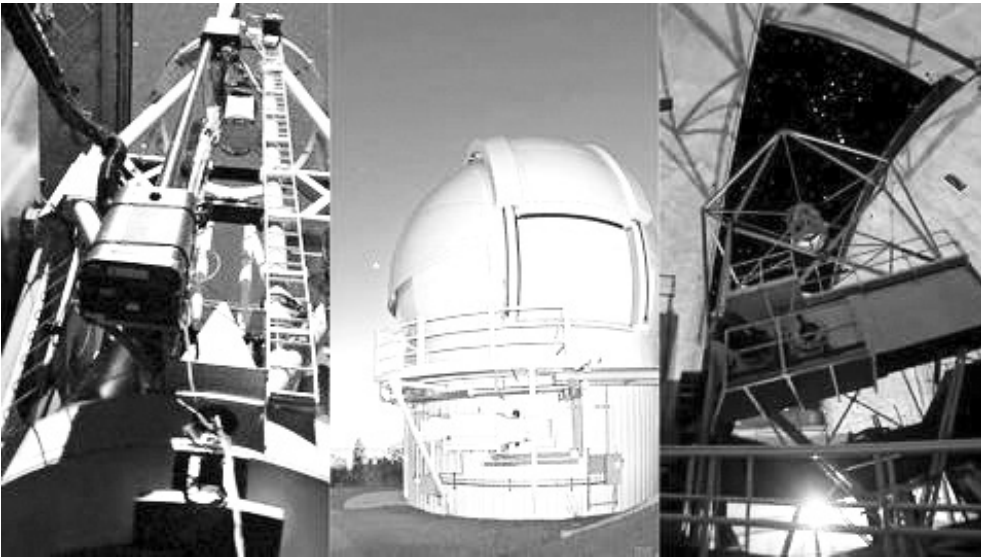
Telescopes at the W.M. Keck Observatory in Hawaii and at the Lick Observatory near San Jose, California, observed 719 sun-like stars for the duration of the survey. They found 177 planets, some of which have 20 times the mass of Jupiter.

This project was supported by the University of California, California Institute of Technology, the University of Hawaii, Tennessee State University, NASA, the National Science Foundation, Google, and Ken and Gloria Levy.

Kane has collaborated with the project for 15 years. He is also involved in a similar survey of stars in the southern hemisphere with the MINERVA-Australis observatory at University of Southern Queensland in Australia.

He is hoping to use the results of California’s Legacy Survey to predict what NASA’s TESS satellite might find. That mission is seeking exoplanets that could potentially support life by observing transits — events that periodically block part of the light from their host stars.

“This survey taught us much about our giant planetary neighbors,” Kane said. “We hope new missions will help us find and learn more about Earth-sized planets, too.”



Three telescopes used for the California Legacy Survey. Laurie Hatch (Lick Observatory)/Rick Peterson (W.M. Keck Observatory)

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State launches the ‘Let’s Go Out’ campaign

Staff Report

Last week, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of the “Let’s Go Out” campaign, an effort to raise public awareness of the importance of supporting local restaurants across the Commonwealth.

The campaign is being led by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT) in conjunction with the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development and industry partners. The launch of the \$1.9 million campaign is timed to coincide with the lifting of public health restrictions in Massachusetts and is scheduled to run throughout the summer, through September.

The mission of the campaign is to amplify the importance of restaurants as an integral part of daily life and a key driver of economic activity for the Commonwealth’s downtowns and main streets. “Let’s Go Out” is an extension of the Administration’s “My Local MA” campaign that has been encouraging residents to shop, dine and stay local since last August.

“Our administration

recognizes that the challenges created by the pandemic have made the last year tremendously difficult for the entire small business community, and especially for the restaurant industry,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “We have been proud to provide more than \$688 million in grants to help restaurants and other hard-hit small businesses navigate these challenges, and look forward to building on that support through the ‘Let’s Go Out’ campaign to ensure a strong recovery for restaurants across the Commonwealth.”

Campaign ads will capture the meaningful moments that play out in restaurants, such as celebrating special occasions, reconnecting with friends, spending time with loved ones, or meeting someone new. Following the economic impact of COVID-19 on restaurants and the transition of many customers to delivery and takeout alone, this summer presents an opportunity for consumers to get out and reengage with friends and family, around the food they love in an atmosphere that invites emotional connections.

“As our restaurants re-

open to capacity, it’s an exciting time for them to welcome back customers,” said MOTT Executive Director Keiko Matsudo Orrall. “The aim of the ‘Let’s Go Out’ campaign is to showcase the amazing diversity of restaurants we have across the state and encourage a return to in-person dining to support these businesses that are so critical to our economy. While there may be some changes at the restaurants, like new floor plans or contactless payment systems, the unparalleled experience of in-restaurant dining is essential to connection and community.”

The campaign, which will run through September 2021, will feature statewide coverage including display ads, digital billboards, posters, and radio spots, as well as billboards at Fenway Park. Additional billboards and display ads will be featured on highways and at Logan Airport, in partnership with MassDOT and Massport. A TV spot will also air on broadcast TV, including on NESN during Red Sox games in late summer. The campaign’s landing page, VisitMA.com/LetsGoOut, features

campaign information and a growing restaurant directory.

The “Let’s Go Out” campaign was developed in close collaboration with key industry stakeholders that offered their expertise and support, including the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, Mass Restaurants United, and members of the Restaurant Promotion Commission.

“Over the last year, restaurant owners and their staffs have shown great resilience and creativity as they invented new ways to engage with customers while dealing with important but difficult safety restrictions. The fact is, however, that in-person dining is critical to the health of the restaurant industry. With the ‘Let’s Go Out’ campaign, Massachusetts is making it clear that they support restaurants, and are taking the issue seriously. The Massachusetts Restaurant Association is proud to be a part of this statewide effort,” said Massachusetts Restaurant Association President and CEO Bob Luz.

For information, go to VisitMA.com/LetsGoOut.

Officials announce funding to reduce air pollution

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration this week announced that it has opened a new \$2.1 million competitive solicitation for projects that will reduce diesel emissions from vehicles and equipment throughout the Commonwealth.

The program, funded through the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) program, will help to accelerate the retirement of older, less efficient, and more polluting vehicles.

“The funding we are announcing will strengthen Massachusetts’ economy by enabling fleet operators to invest in innovative, clean technologies,” said Gov. Charles Baker. “Massachusetts is

committed to taking bold action to reduce emissions and meet our ambitious climate goals, and the shift to cleaner vehicles and equipment is essential as we seek to reduce exposure of our citizens to diesel emissions, which will improve air quality and benefit public health.”

Diesel emissions can result in serious health conditions like asthma and respiratory illnesses and exacerbate global climate change, and often disproportionately impact environmental justice communities that already overburdened by environmental hazards. This open solicitation will fund the upgrade or replacement of eligible diesel vehicles such as buses, trucks, marine engines, locomotives,

and non-road equipment used in sectors like construction, cargo handling, and agriculture, with lower and zero-emission technologies.

“As Massachusetts works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts that climate change will have on our communities, this funding represents an important opportunity to help us meet these ambitious goals,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “We look forward to receiving applications and working with fleet managers across the Commonwealth to upgrade their technology and adopt cleaner transportation equipment.”

Administered through

the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), funds are available to private, public, and non-profit entities. Eligibility is based on criteria set forth in a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency DERA Program Guide, as well as other criteria, such as proof of operation at least half the time inside Massachusetts. Applications for the program must be submitted by 5 p.m. on July 12.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

March of the Living launches drive for unique 2022 trip to Poland, Israel

Staff Report

A generous \$2,000 scholarship is being offered to every qualified high school junior and senior who participates in the 2022 March of the Living (MOTL) Jewish heritage trip to Poland and Israel.

The 2022 trip will run April 24 – May 8, 2022.

“This is the only program of its kind and it’s important that we take as

many students as possible,” says Irv Kempner of Sharon, Chair of New England Friends of MOTL. Trip guides include educators, rabbis, Holocaust survivors.

He adds, “The annual March of the Living (MOTL) trip (only missed in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic) simultaneously teaches about the roots of prejudice and Holocaust history, builds lifelong Jewish identity, creates ambassadors for

Israel, and helps teens meet new friends from around the world.”

Highlights of the two-week trip include visits to historic Jewish sites in Poland, visits to concentration camps with Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom HaShoah) ceremonies in Poland, followed a week later with tours throughout Israel, climaxing with celebrations in Jerusalem on Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha’atzmaut).

Kempner, son of Holocaust survivors, emphasized the importance of educating the next generation. In a college student survey last year, 63 percent of those surveyed did not know that six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust. Seven percent weren’t sure if the Holocaust even occurred and 3 percent denied that it happened. Another survey showed 95 percent of participants in past MOTL trips agreed the experience strengthened their Jewish identity and their

bond with Israel. It’s a lifelong lesson about ‘Never again.’

Aaron Kischel, Director of Teen Programming, notes that space is limited. He urges early registration. Contact him: kischel7241@gmail.com / 781-799-4765.

New England Friends of MOTL is committed to make the experience affordable for every Jewish teen who wants to participate through its \$2,000 scholarship offer. Additional financial assistance may be available from area temples and organizations.

To contribute, contact Development Chair Jim Slovin -- jim@motnewengland.org / (508) 846-2448. Contributions may be made via the website https://motnewengland.org/. New England Friends of MOTL is a tax-exempt charitable organization as defined by Federal Tax code section 501(c)(3).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Graduation Day is one of the few occasions that brings a smile to the faces of everyone in a community, regardless of whether they have a personal connection to a graduate. It is an occasion when all of us share in the joy -- and pride -- that graduation day marks in the lives of our young people. For older folks, graduation day recalls a time when we too, were young and our entire future lay in front of us.

Graduation day marks a bittersweet moment for parents, friends, family, and teachers, as well for the grads themselves. As befits every turning point in our lives, it is a time of mixed emotions of joy, sadness, and reflection. Although the graduates and those close to them are looking forward to the exciting future that lies before them, they also will be looking back on the passing of their carefree youth and the experiences that have shaped their lives to this point.

The young women and men who will be receiving their diplomas no longer are considered “youths” in the eyes of the world. They are full-fledged adults who have been deemed ready to assume all of the rights -- and responsibilities -- that adulthood implies.

The graduates, most of whom have turned 18, can vote, run for public office, enter into contracts, be tried fully as adults in the criminal justice system, and fight and die for their country.

For the parents of the grads, watching their “little boy or girl” proceed to the podium to receive his or her diploma will be a poignant moment. No doubt every parent will be thinking of the sentiments expressed in the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from Fiddler On The Roof:

Is this the little girl I carried?
Is this the little boy at play?
I don’t remember growing older
When - did - they?
When did she get to be a beauty?
When did he grow to be so tall?
Wasn’t it yesterday when they - were - small?

Although economists these days tell us that the value of a high school diploma is not what it was a generation or more ago, the graduates should keep in mind, as they contemplate venturing out into an uncertain world, that their mere presence on the podium has proven that they have the ability and the determination to achieve whatever goals they may set for themselves.

We recently came across a news item that appeared in the Winthrop Sun on June 24, 1898. The article, which reprinted the Class Ode for the Winthrop High Class of 1898, is as timely today as it was 123 years ago, and sums up the feelings of all of us on Graduation Day.

The years pass by in swift array
We cannot check their onward flight;
The moments that were ours today,
Have passed forever from our sight.

Yet while the course of life moves by
We too, must never lag behind;
But work and strive as best we may
To aid and benefit all mankind.

This we must do, or soon too late
We think in sadness of our loss,
For “Each is Master of his Fate,”
Though some must bear a heavy cross.

And when the race of life is run,
This life that holds so much for each
Shall come the gentle words, “Well done!”
As we at last the goal have reached.

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COVID positive test rate drops

By John Lynds

For the first time since the start of the pandemic East Boston’s weekly COVID positive test rate dropped to one percent according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 1,454 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 1 percent were positive--a 56 percent decrease from the 2.3 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago

Of the 41,861 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 18.5 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was a decrease

of 1 percent from the 18.7 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate continues to decrease. According to the BPHC 16,275 residents were tested and 1.1 percent were COVID positive--this was a 31.25 percent decrease from the 1.6 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

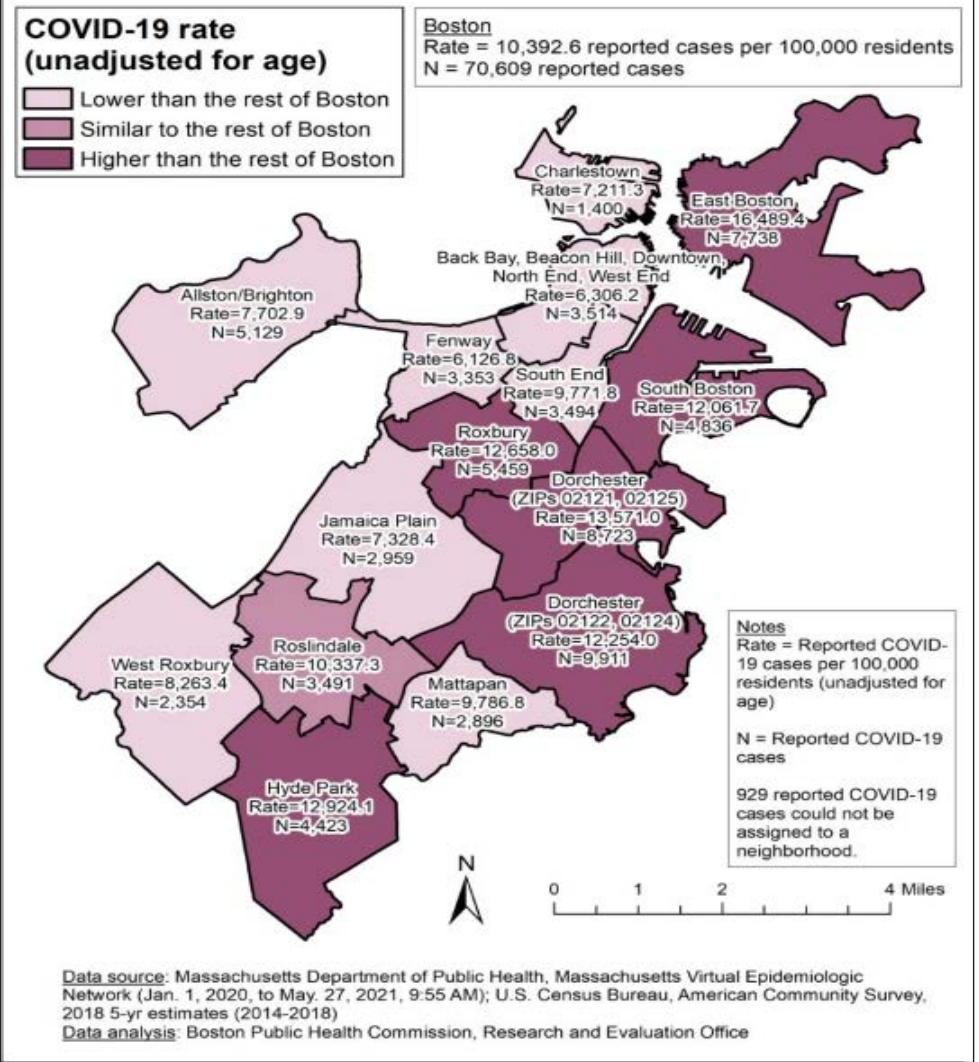
Eastie’s COVID infection rate increased by only 0.20 percent last week and went from 1,645.6 cases per 10,000 residents to 1,648.9 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 14 Eastie residents contracted the virus and there are now

7,738 confirmed cases, up from the 7,724 reported two weeks ago.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased less than a half percent last week and went from 70,529 cases to 70,628 confirmed cases in a week. Ten additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,383 total deaths in the city from COVID.



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

DOC officials to resume in-person visits

Staff Report

Three weeks after personal visitation resumed at four minimum-security and pre-release facilities, the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) announced earlier this week that personal visitation has resumed at all remaining facilities, supporting the benefits of seeing family and friends while maintaining vigilance against COVID-19.

As the Commonwealth moves to lift remaining COVID-19 restrictions for the general public on May 29, DOC facilities and certain other congregate settings will still require face coverings and other health and safety precautions. The DOC will continue to follow public health guidelines for correctional settings and remains focused on its responsibility to those living and working in its facilities. Visitors should contact their loved ones’ respective facilities by phone in ad-

vance to obtain additional information about health and safety protocols that remain in place.

DOC remains committed to using public health guidance and data, including positive test rates within DOC facilities and in the broader community, to protect inmates, staff, visitors, and the public. Gov. Baker placed inmates and correctional staff among the first priority groups for COVID-19 vaccination and the DOC has administered over 15,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses to inmates and staff. The Department’s testing, screening, and quarantine initiatives continue to safeguard the health of about 6,300 inmates, as well as DOC staff and vendors.

The DOC will not require that visitors be vaccinated, but visitors will be asked upon arrival to complete an entrance form identifying potential COVID exposure factors and have their tempera-

tures taken prior to entering the facility. Visitors will be required to use hand sanitizer before the visiting period and face coverings will be worn at all times, both by visitors and inmates. No physical contact will be allowed during the visit and they will take place in designated areas with social distancing dividers between the visitor and inmate. At the conclusion of the visit, all visitors will again use hand sanitizer before exiting the facility. In addition to the alcohol-based hand sanitizer, restrooms with soap and running water are fully accessible. All high-touch areas are sanitized between visits and at the end of the visiting period.

Personal visits are limited during this phase to one visit per inmate per week, with up to two visitors at a time, and must be scheduled 24 hours in advance. Attorney visits remain ongoing and unaffected by this change.

Administration re-files bill to honor veterans lost to service-related illness

The Baker-Polito Administration has re-filed legislation to establish the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity, which will be presented by the Massachusetts National Guard to the families of veterans who lost their lives to service-related illnesses and injuries.

“The Medal of Fidelity is an important opportunity to honor the brave men and women and their families who have served not just the Commonwealth, but the nation,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Service-related injuries and illnesses can persist long past service, and our administration is proud to offer legislation that, if passed, will demonstrate our gratitude for the sacrifices of our veterans and their loved ones.”

The bill, entitled “An Act Relative to Establishing the Massachusetts Medal of

Fidelity,” will authorize the Commonwealth to award the Medal of Fidelity to the next-of-kin of Massachusetts service members who “died as the result of service-connected diseases, conditions or injuries that are related to either exposure to harmful toxins, herbicides, agents, and materials or service-related post-traumatic stress disorder.”

Complementing the Medal of Liberty, which is presented to the families of Massachusetts veterans who die of combat-related physical injuries, the Medal of Fidelity will recognize service-connected injuries related to exposure to harmful substances, such as Agent Orange, as well as death attributed to service-related mental illness.

“The brave men and women who serve in the

military suffer visible and invisible trauma. Massachusetts is a leader in providing benefits and services to veterans, and helping veterans access mental health and other services,” said Secretary of Veterans’ Services Cheryl Lussier Poppe. “We can never express enough gratitude for those who have served, but we can take every opportunity to honor and pay our respects to those who give so much to us, and their families.”

The bill will also authorize a commission to make Medal of Fidelity award recommendations to the Governor. The commission will be composed of The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard and two field grade officers of the armed forces of the Commonwealth.

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REMEMBERING AND HONORING, “JUDGE JOE”, THE HONORABLE JOSEPH V. FERRINO SR.

Story and photos by, Al Terminiello Jr.

The Honorable Joseph V Ferrino Sr. passed away on November 22, 2020. He was a US Navy WWII veteran, an attorney, a district judge, and most of all a champion for human rights and giving everyone a chance to obtain their goals in life.

In 1971 Joe Ferrino was appointed to the East Boston District Court, there he served his community and the general public with honor and compassion for 25 years. Through his vision he developed many programs to help those in need that appeared before him in court, including a medical clinic. In 1989 was awarded the Public Service Award by the Massachusetts Bar Association, stating his courtroom was “unparalleled” in the state.

While a champion for his Italian heritage, and his beloved veterans’ programs, Judge Joe saw no color barrier or bank account when it came to helping anyone that appeared before him as a judge or appealed to him for help as a friend.

Joe Ferrino Sr. also served as the AMVETS Massachusetts and National Judge Advocate and in 1968 he was elected as its 25th National Commander, and the list could go on.



Lifelong friend and partner in many organizations that her and Joe were involved in, nonother than, Winthrop’s own Barbara Surveillis. It was only right that she had the honor of addressing the lifetime accomplishments, of her friend Joseph Ferrino.

Not one person, family or friend that knew Judge Joe, does not have a handful of stories to make you smile or laugh out loud.

The Honorable Joseph V. Ferrino is gone, but his memory and his achievements live on in our everyday lives, as a reminder of his kind heart and his quest to better his community and his country. Joe will be missed by everyone, and he will never be forgotten.

On May 30, 2021 standing in the rain, family and friends gathered across from his family home in Winthrop, to remember Judge Joe, pay their respects and be part of the dedication to a square in his memory.



Joe Ferrino Jr., welcomes friends and family, and adds a few words in memory of his father, about his lifetime dedication to family, community and country.



Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty addressed the crowd and recalled his lifetime experiences with his friend and colleague in law and order, Judge Ferrino.



Former Speaker of the House and a lifetime friend and supporter of Judge Ferrino, Bob DeLeo recalls a few moments with his mentor in the early days.



A patriot at heart, a veteran of WWII the Honorable Joe Ferrino instilled his values in many ways to all that had the pleasure of knowing him in any capacity. Shown representing Winthrop’s American Legion Post 146 is Bill Brown.



The plaque commemorating a lifelong defender of civil laws, community values and a dedication to help those in need, Judge Joseph V. Ferrino, 1926-2020. This memorial square is located across from his home in Winthrop on the corners of Pleasant and Plummer Streets.



Richard Ferrino with his two sons, Michael and Richard at the square dedicated to their father and grandfather, one who will be surely missed every day, Judge Joseph V Ferrino. A. man who loved his family, his community and his country, and proved it every day.



Former Speaker of the House Bob Deleo and Vikki Mucci are joined by State Representative Jeff Turco and Annmarie Gardner from the Winthrop Elks at the Sunday morning dedication to Judge Joe Ferrino.

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Despite very inclement weather, friends and family of Judge Joe Ferrino attended the dedication ceremony last Sunday morning on Pleasant and Plummer Streets. Many thanks to the Winthrop Police and the State Police for their services that morning keeping everyone safe from moving vehicles in the area.

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Ben Vainer raises \$4,240 in Golf Fights Cancer’s 2021 Golf Marathon

Special to the Times-Free Press

East Boston resident Ben Vainer will play in his second Golf Fights Cancer Golf Marathon on June 3 to help raise funds for DetecTogether, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that teaches individuals how to detect cancer early and be active partners in their healthcare.

Vainer, a three-year cancer survivor, understands the importance of raising money for early detection. He states “I participate in the Golf Marathon as a way to honor all the love and support I received during my battle with cancer, and turn that gratitude into action by giving back and supporting others going through it. Plus, any day on the course is a great day!” In the last two years, Vainer has raised \$10,353 that makes an immediate and tangible impact on cancer



Ben Vainer is pictured with his wife, Laura, at the event last year.

patients and their families. The 2021 Golf Marathon brings together two organizations – Golf Fights Cancer and DetecTogether – that are

deeply committed to fighting cancer and saving lives. Funds raised during this year’s GFC event primarily benefit DetecTogether, a national nonprofit that teaches people how

to recognize the earliest warning signs of cancer. “When cancer is detected early, people have the best chance of surviving and treatment can be less invasive,” says Tricia Laursen,

DetecTogether President and Executive Director. “Knowing what to watch for and when to act is lifesaving.” DetecTogether brings its education to firefighters, young adults and community groups for free, thanks to the generosity of supporters.

For the first time ever, GFC organizers added a second day of golf marathoning and surpassed its unprecedented fundraising goal of \$500,000. “The excitement for this year’s event is amazing, as is the collective power of our fundraisers,” says GFC Chairman and Co-Founder, Brian Oates. “It’s incredibly inspiring to see the impact that people who share a common interest can make in the fight against cancer.”

The Golf Marathon will take place on June 3 and 4, at Juniper Hill Golf Course in Northborough, Mass.

Golf Fights Cancer
Golf Fights Cancer (GFC) is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization that taps into the passion and generosity of all golfers to raise much needed funds for cancer related organizations and families living with the disease. Specifically, GFC makes targeted donations for equipment, services, and/or amenities that make an immediate positive impact on treatment and the experience for both the patient and family.

DetecTogether
DetecTogether is a 501(c)(3) addressing an unmet need in the cancer world. We teach people how to identify early warning signs of cancer to save lives. We do not know who will get cancer, but we do know that 40% of us will receive a diagnosis in our lifetime.

PBS’s ‘Antiques Roadshow’ coming to New England

“Antiques Roadshow,” PBS’s most-watched ongoing series, is filming at two New England locations as part of an all-new 2021 production process. The Boston-based series will film at Wadsworth Mansion in Middletown, Conn., on August 10 and Omni Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, N.H., on Sept. 1.

Health and safety are top priorities for “Roadshow,” which is using a modified production process this year that features invitation-only filming on closed sets. Fans can enter to win an invitation to the Connecticut or New Hampshire filming now through the “Antiques Roadshow” 2021 Appraisal Contest. The deadline to enter by is June 7.

“I am so pleased that New England will help us to put the road back in

Roadshow this August!” said executive producer Marsha Bemko. “Always wondered if the stuff around your house is junk or a gem? Now is the time to find out!”

More information around 2021 process:

- Production at each of five 2021 filming locations will follow Antiques Roadshow’s COVID-19 protocols and will be on closed sets, accessible only to Roadshow production teams and pre-selected invited guests and appraisers.
- “Roadshow” will record scheduled appraisals in small, independent groups, keeping contact to a minimum and distance as much as is possible.
- Most filming will take place outdoors.
- “Antiques Roadshow” will not be appraising any other items than the

pre-selected submission items.

Invited guests will be selected based on submission of their item and story entered for their chosen location for the “Antiques Roadshow” 2021 Appraisal Contest.

The five locations “Antiques Roadshow” will be visiting to film their new season include: Wadsworth Mansion in Middletown, Conn., on Aug. 10; Omni Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, N.H., on Sept. 1; Hempstead House at the Sands Point Preserve in Long Island, N.Y., on Sept. 14; Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Va., on Sept. 28; and Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton, N.J., on Oct. 6.

Eighteen-time Emmy Award nominated “Antiques Roadshow,” pro-

duced by GBH, airs Mondays at 8/7C PM and is the most-watched ongoing PBS series. In 2021, “Roadshow” is seen by around 6 million viewers each week.

Hi-res photos and interviews with Antiques Roadshow producers are available upon request.

No Purchase Necessary. To enter, submit photo and description of item online. Up to 130 Winners per location who’s entries “wow” the producers will be selected at producers’ discretion; prize has no monetary value. Must be 18 or older. Must be U.S. resident. Must be available to attend with selected item. Restrictions apply. Void where prohibited. Sponsored by WGBH Educational Foundation, 1 Guest Street, Boston MA 02135.

Grants for the Future of Work program available

The Baker-Polito Administration and MassDevelopment have announced up to \$1 million in funding for the sixth round of the Collaborative Workspace Program, a MassDevelopment program that accelerates business formation, job creation, and entrepreneurial activity in communities by supporting infrastructure that fuels locally based innovation.


Eligible organizations may apply for seed grants of up to \$15,000 to study the feasibility of new collaborative workspaces or fit-out grants of up to \$100,000 for new equipment or building improvements, including adjustments to help spaces adhere to the social distancing and health and safety standards outlined in the Commonwealth’s sector-specific COVID-19 Workplace Safety Stan-

dards.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the outlook for what it means to be ‘at work’ for many people, with Massachusetts’ vast network of coworking spaces offering another avenue for working, creating, and collaborating,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, who serves as chair of MassDevelopment’s Board of Directors.

Since its pilot launch, and through the first five rounds of grants, the Collaborative Workspace Program has made 164 awards totaling \$9,842,041 for the planning, development, and build-out of collaborative workspaces.

The full Request for Proposals is available at massdevelopment.com/cowork. Responses are due by 5 p.m. on July 2.



Caregiver Solutions

with Meg Hogan, CEO of Boston Senior Home Care


When people hear the term “foster care,” they typically think of the child foster care system. Adult Foster Care programs are quite different. Funded by MassHealth, Adult Foster Care supports a family member or friend* who is helping with activities of daily living, such as dressing, bathing, and meal preparation for older adults or people with disabilities in their own home.

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Boston Senior Home Care’s Adult Foster Care Program is designed to support care recipients’ unique needs, and to honor and value their desire to remain at home and in the community. Our experienced team of case managers partner with caregivers, providing a customized care plan along with training, support, and assistance. We know caregiving. You can depend on us.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

FREIGHT FOWARDING COMPANY LOOKING AT CHELSEA

CHELSEA - A Boston company is currently in the City’s review pipeline for a proposal that would completely remake the Willow Street-Highland Street industrial area – building a brand new building that would house a 33-dock freight forwarding business consisting of three yet-unnamed tenants.

Seyon Management, of Newbury Street, is proposing to demolish the existing warehouse at 22 Willow Street, combine the lot with 250 Marginal Street (now a vacant parking lot) and construct a new 146,410 sq. ft. building with 33 loading docks for the purpose of airport-related freight forwarding.

Another 202-car employee parking lot would be located at the corner of Highland and Essex Street – a piece of property that is now derelict and vacant.

The project is known as Chelsea Point consists of 8.61 acres of land in basically an entire block – excluding only the Carbone Metals operation. It is pegged as a \$30 million buildout and could be started in February 2022 with a July 2023 occupancy.

Currently, the matter went before the Planning Board this Tuesday, and already has had a trip to the Zoning Board, where it will return once the Planning Board has completed its review.

Another vacant lot of land owned by Seyon, but not related to the project, is across the street at 212 Congress St. is likely to be used as a piece of mitigation. In the filing, Seyon indicated it had been working with GreenRoots to designate a use for the parcel, perhaps open space. However, Council President Roy Avellaneda said he has been in talks with them to gift the land

to the City for the purpose of building affordable housing.

“I talked to the owner and that building that’s there could not be saved,” said Avellaneda. “It’s functionally obsolete. It made more sense to start from scratch...It looks like we’ll have that land in our control and looking for an affordable housing overlap project.”

He said he is not against the freight forwarding use, but does not necessarily believe MassPort has treated the City fairly when Chelsea so often agrees to house such businesses that are critical to the airport’s industrial flight operations.

“The airport overlay district has been on my mind because I feel we’re always locating things in our community that support the airport and it’s an area that MassPort would like to keep close...It’s not the use that I’ve been against, but what I resent is we’re helping them and they don’t recognize that.”

Councillor Giovanni Recupero, who represents the area and actually lives across the street from it on Essex Street, said he is in support because the developer listened to his input early on.

He said the original plan was to bring the trucks for the operation up onto Willow Street and other residential streets and he said that was a problem. The developer, he said, then agreed to purchase 250 Marginal Street and have the trucks enter and exit from Marginal – with all the loading docks also facing Marginal Street.

“The guy listened to what I asked him to do and I think this is a good thing,” he said. “The problem I had is he was going to bring the truck to building on Willow Street. I wouldn’t go for that. I asked him to have the trucks somehow come in and out on Marginal Street, so he figured out a way. He bought the lot in front of him. It was a lot of money...That building is



The Everett Haitian community and friends from around the city celebrated the fifth annual Haitian Flag Day ceremony on Tuesday, May 18, at City Hall. City officials attended, as did members of the Everett Haitian Community Center and the Vice Consul from the Haitian Consulate in Boston.



operating in that way now, and he wants to build something new and bring in some jobs too.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said they are not necessarily against the idea of freight forwarding, and support this project. However, he said they are skittish of the Amazon warehouses and other “last-mile” proposals that have hit the Produce Center area and caused significant Amazon van traffic in Chelsea.

“I think we’re skittish of Amazon, but I’m not skittish of the industry here,” he said. “That’s an industry the City supports and we have a district by the airport for it. They’re knocking down a dilapidated building and will substantially improve the site. We’re hoping they get some good entities to come in as tenants. The Amazons of the world don’t bring good-paying jobs and do bring enormous van traffic. We really are trying to discourage that particular use, but the freight forwarding industry is one the City sup-

ports.”

The Chelsea Point project is likely to be on the June Zoning Board agenda.

FIRE CHIEF EXPLAINS NEW HIREEES

EVERETT - Fire Chief Tony Carli appeared before the Council to discuss the first month of the new program to cross-train new firefighters as EMTs – noting that all 18 had been hired and are now working with Cataldo Ambulance for training, though he did not that though they are City employees they are not specifically assigned to Everett.

The plan is a strategic plan that has been in the works for several years, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the chief put the plan into place on April 5 when they hired 18 new people to begin the road to a new in-house ambulance/fire service – since most of the Fire Department calls are medically related, Carli said.

He said five of the EMTs are already certified and riding with Cataldo in various locations for training on the ambulance, mostly doing transfers and acting as a back-up service. The other 13 are in classes with Cataldo training to become EMTs.

Likewise, he said, they all have dates in July, August and November for the Fire Academy.

“They all have Academy dates starting in July,” he said. “We have some going in July, some in August and the remaining dates are in November. As they get in and graduate, they’ll come back to us... They won’t be active firefighters though until after they complete the Academy. We were fortunate to have gotten them in early this April and get them the medical training with Cataldo before the Academy.”

He said they do pull the recruits in on Thursdays to get them used to the firehouses and procedures at the department. He also said they’d be pulled out of Cataldo 30 days before they start the Fire Academy for more intensive local training in preparation.

“I’m happy with the training they’ve received so far,” he said. “I think it’s been well-received by the members...They are City employees. We cover them and they have been on our payroll since April 5.”

“As the Mayor I’m continuously looking for ways to broaden our services. We’ve looked and watched our medical responses increase over the years, and this is way to better serve our city,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

Some councilors such as Fred Capone, Jimmy Tri Le and Stephanie Martins were concerned about the plan.

“I just want to make sure if there’s something we can utilize them for, that we’re doing that,” said Capone. “I just don’t want there to be a belief we’re supporting Cataldo’s workforce by having City employees ride with them. If there’s something we can do to bring them into the firehouse as soon as we can, I think that would be a good idea.”

Councilor Martins wondered if the new recruits were only serving Everett, since they are paid by the City. However, Carli said the training on the ambulance doesn’t permit that, as they serve within Cataldo’s wide network.

“They are in Everett on occasion, but they are not assigned to Everett,” said the chief. “What they do is a lot of transports between facilities because we want them to learn patient care...They’re assigned out of a base from Cataldo...but they are not assigned to the City of Everett.”

That said, the Chief also defended the program, and said Cataldo’s partnership with the City on transforming the Fire Service has been critical. While many in the Fire Union aren’t particularly sold on the change as it is taking place now – and collective bargaining still has to take place on the matter – the Chief said the plan has been no secret.

He said when they graduate the Academy, they will be firefighters even if they’re riding on an ambulance for a particular day.

“They will be in our count and are firefighters 100 percent of the time,” he said. “It doesn’t make a difference if they’re riding on an ambulance. They will be on firefighting duties if that duty calls...I’ve stuck to this plan and it’s been year’s in the making.”

•STILL LOOKING FOR KEY POSITIONS

While there has been some progress on the hiring front for the City, Mayoral Chief of Staff Erin Devaney reported on Monday to the Council

that many key positions still remain vacant.

Recently, the City did hire a Human Resources director, and they have an offer extended to a candidate for assistant assessor, but many of the key jobs like Planning and Development Director, City Engineer, Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Director and Elections Commissioner still remain vacant and are being recruited.

Other vacant positions include the Library Director and the Affordable Housing Coordinator.

Devaney said they are trying to be more creative in recruiting, and have started to use Indeed to get candidates. She said many of the candidates they have attracted have good professional experience, but none of them have any specific experience for these particular jobs.

Councilors Fred Capone and Rose DiFlorio have been particularly concerned about the vacancies since early this year, and have brought up the matter numerous times at the Council.

“Planning and Development, Engineering and Elections – these are all big,” said Capone. “It’s concerning to me we’re having this much difficulty getting applications. I don’t know what else we should be doing. It shouldn’t be this difficult to get applicants.”

DiFlorio said she believes the pay scale is too low, and with a big election for mayor coming up, few would want to gamble on getting shown the doors shortly after getting hired.

“I think we have two things against us,” she said. “One, the pay scale for department heads is from 1965 or something. Two, you have a big election coming up and I wouldn’t apply for a job in Everett not knowing if I had a job in January. I would not apply for a job in the City of Everett with this mayor’s race going on because you don’t know who your boss will be in November.”

Devaney said the positions aren’t contracted for a number of years, but she said they are appointed for a set time by the City Council – and she said they strive to hire people that everyone would be proud to have in any Administration.

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NICHOLSON
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KICKOFF

LYNN - Jared Nicholson, candidate for Mayor of Lynn, hosted a virtual kickoff of his campaign for Mayor on Wednesday, May 12.

Speaking during the event in support of Jared's candidacy were Patti Capano, Rosa Feliz, and Jared's wife Katherine Rushfirth.

Patti Capano is a well-known leader in the city and a former School Committee member. Patti served in that capacity for twenty years and worked with Jared in her final term.

Patti provided a strong endorsement of Jared for Mayor based on their work together on the School Committee, "I find Jared to be able to be civil all the time. It's an aspect Jared has that separates him from most."

Rosa Feliz is a leader in the business community and in the Latino community. She owns Punta Cana Multiservices and serves as the Vice Chair of the North Shore Latino Business Association.

Speaking of Jared's track record with small businesses, Rosa said, "as a small business owner, I've seen Jared available to help in anyway. Before and during the pandemic, he has shown his commitment to this City. He will without a doubt be a great Mayor."

Katherine is Associate Chief Midwife at Massachusetts General Hospital

and Jared's wife Katherine described Jared's work with clients over the years, from large international companies to small businesses here in Lynn, observing that "Jared has never lost sight of what actually affects people's day to day lives and what it means to be of service."

Jared presented his vision for Lynn's future. He also discussed his deep experience on school issues and his deep experience on city issues like housing and economic development from his work as a lawyer and a law professor at Northeastern University.

"I'm running for Mayor because I believe I have the skills and experience to provide leadership for inclusive growth. To both create opportunities for growth and to make those opportunities inclusive."

The evening concluded with an open question and answer session during which Jared addressed questions and concerns raised by Lynn voters.

Jean Michael Fana, the Nicholson for Mayor Campaign's Organizing Director, emceed the event and said, "We are thrilled with the terrific turnout and engagement that we had. This campaign is building strong momentum from our grassroots approach throughout the city and that came through clearly, even on Zoom!"

5-ALARM BLAZE ON ENDICOTT AVE.

REVERE - Revere Fire Chief Christopher Bright

and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said the cause of the May 20 fire at 141-143 Endicott Avenue, Revere, was the improper disposal of smoking materials.

RFD Investigator Capt. Mark Wolfgang and the Revere Police collaborated with the State Fire Marshal's Office in the investigation.

The five-alarm fire severely damaged the original six-unit building and the neighboring one-family home at 149 Endicott Avenue. Four additional homes suffered damaged in the dense neighborhood. The estimated loss is over \$2 million. There were no injuries in the fire.

The fire started on the outside of 141-143 Endicott Avenue and there was evidence it was a frequent smoking area for residents.

Chief Bright said, "I am glad no residents or firefighters were hurt. But if this fire had happened in the middle of the night, the outcome might have been very different." He added, "I am grateful to the many neighboring fire departments that provided mutual aid. This fire is a terrible tragedy for the 16 people who are displaced, but hard work kept the fire from destroying more homes in this densely packed neighborhood."

Revere Fire's Engine 1 and Ladder 1 were the first on the scene at the fire in the Beachmont neighborhood and found the rear of three-decker at 143 Endicott Ave. heavily involved with fire on all three floors of the rear porches and ex-

tending to two buildings on Bellingham Avenue.

Lt. Kevin O'Hara of Engine 1 transmitted the working fire signal and within 30 seconds he ordered the second alarm transmitted. Deputy Fire Chief Tom Tedesco arrived shortly after, and upon seeing the heavy fire conditions, ordered the third alarm to bring additional help to the scene of the now raging-inferno.

Chief Bright ordered the fourth alarm to bring in additional companies to tap hydrants several blocks away to get adequate water supplies to fight the fire that had spread to five buildings. A fifth alarm was transmitted shortly thereafter.

"It was a tough fire," said Chief Bright. "That's a difficult area to get around but we're used to it. It's a very tight street. We were fortunate it was daytime because most people were either not home or they certainly were awake and alerted to the fire. We had reports of some of the residents going to pull the fire alarm to alert the residents. It's a tight-knit neighborhood, so that was not surprising."

Bright said the mild weather conditions helped in the containment of the blaze. "We were lucky that it was a mild day. We didn't have any strong winds coming off the Atlantic Ocean. If we had and that fire had come in the middle of the night, it would have been a different fire. We could have had a conflagration up there. We're very lucky that we eventually got ahead of

fire and contained it and got an adequate supply of water and volume pressure to the scene."

Chief Bright said the department is working with MEMA and Mayor Brian Arrigo's Office to assist the fire victims.

(Information and press materials from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Boston Sparks A-10 President Paul Boudreau, who provided a narrative of the fire, and Revere Fire Department reports were used in the compilation of this story. A separate Revere Journal interview of Chief Christopher Bright was also conducted for this story).

RELEASE OF NOMINATION PAPERS MEANS ELECTION SEASON HAS BEGUN

WINTHROP - In a politically active town such as Winthrop, it is always election season.

But with the release of nominations on May 5 by Acting Town Clerk Joanne M. DeMato, the race to Winthrop's 2021 town election - to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2 - has officially begun.

A look at the Winthrop town website reveals that the following races for Town Council will be on the ballot:

Council President (2-year term, one seat), Councilor-at-Large (2-year term, one seat)

Precinct 1 (4-year term, one seat)

Precinct 3 (4-year term,

one seat)

Precinct 5 (4-year term, one seat).

Other contests in the election are:

Winthrop School Committee (4-year term, three seats)

Library Trustee (4-year term, three seats)

Housing Authority (4-year term, one seat).

DeMato said that nomination papers must be returned to the Clerk's Office by Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 4 p.m.

Town Council President Phil Boncore confirmed to the Transcript that he has pulled nomination papers and will be a candidate for re-election in November. A member of the Town Council since its inception in 2005, Boncore will be seeking a second two-year term.

Boncore has been lauded town wide for his outstanding leadership of the Council during the pandemic, helping to coordinate the vital openings of COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites. Key projects in the town have also advanced toward their completion during Boncore's reign as president.

Winthrop voters most recently cast their ballots in the special election in March for the state representative seat in the Nineteenth Suffolk District. Winthrop resident Jeffrey Turco was elected to the seat, succeeding Robert A. DeLeo, who became the longest-serving House speaker in the history of the Commonwealth.

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

Local Students Graduate From College of the Holy Cross

Holy Cross celebrated nearly 750 bachelor of arts degree candidates at its 175th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 21 on the College's Fitton Field.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a career diplomat and Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, delivered this year's address virtually to the Class of 2021 and received an honorary degree.

A distinguished career diplomat with 35 years in the Foreign Service, Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield reminded graduates that their education has equipped them to make a positive difference in the world and to do everything in their power to

keep hope alive.

"Class of 2021: I have hope - I have light in my eyes - because of you," Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield told the graduates. "When I think of your promise, your potential, I swell with pride. With your Holy Cross mentors and role models by your side, I believe you will become men and women for others. I trust you will go where you are needed. And graduates, I know you will keep hope alive."

In addition to Thomas-Greenfield, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Michael Collins '77, chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and senior vice president for the health sciences for the University of Massachusetts. Dr. Collins also

offered a reflection for the Class of 2021.

The following local students earned degrees:

Jasmine Contreras, of East Boston

Brenda Hernandez, of Boston

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Eva May Adamson

Lifelong Revere Resident

Eva May Adamson, a lifelong resident of Revere, died on May 31 at the age of 85. Born in Revere on October 11, 1935, she was one of 11 children raised by her late parents, Ernest Sargent and Margaret (Allen). She was the beloved wife of the late Arthur L. Adamson, devoted mother of Randolph Adamson and the late Arthur Adamson Jr., and Margaret Adamson. She was preceded in death by eight of her siblings and is survived by her two sisters, Elaine Tolwson, and Carol D'Avanzo. She was the cherished grandmother of six and adored great grandmother of eight.

A visitation will be held



at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon followed by a Prayer Service in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Gilda Mullen

Of Braintree, formerly of East Boston

Gilda M. (Fasano) Mullen, age 90, a longtime resident of Braintree, died peacefully, Friday, May 28 at South Shore Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Gilda was born in Boston, to the late Nicholas and Carmela (Torone) Fasano. Raised and educated in East Boston, she was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1948. She lived in Braintree for sixty-three years.

Gilda began her career working for the former Hardware Mutual Insurance Company in Boston. After raising her family, she began working as a bookkeeper for the Municipal Credit Union for the Town of Braintree and later worked at Town Hall in the Clerk's office and Tax Collector's office. Gilda also worked in Copley Square for a medical insurance company.

She was a woman of faith and longtime parishioner of Saint Thomas More Church in Braintree, where she participated in various activities including counting collections. She was also a thirty-year member of the Braintree Catholic Women's Club, where she served on the board of directors, a member of the Braintree Women's Club and Braintree Garden Club. She enjoyed ballroom dancing, cake decorating, gardening, and arranging flowers.

Most of all, Gilda was devoted to her family, especially her grandchil-



dren, actively supporting all their many activities and accomplishments.

She was the devoted mother of Deborah M. Baker of Salem and William M. Mullen and his wife, Kirsten of Abington; loving grandmother of Meara Baker, Hannah, Will, Emma, and Lily Mullen and the late Arthur L. Baker, Jr.; dear sister of Vincent Fasano of East Boston and the late Guido Fasano and Millie Brigante. Gilda is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are by Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Avenue, Quincy. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, 72 Washington Street, Weymouth, today, Wednesday, June 2, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Braintree Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gilda's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Avenue, Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451 or www.heart.org.

June programming at the MFA

This month, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), hosts its ninth annual Juneteenth—the MFA's first in-person community celebration in over a year—and continues its partnership with the Roxbury International Film Festival (RIFF). Additional virtual events include a program hosted by the Center for Netherlandish Art, the annual Daphne Farago Fund Lecture featuring three contemporary artists working in jewelry, and a series of conversations in conjunction with the MFA's upcoming outdoor project, Garden for Boston.

Juneteenth: On June 19, the MFA is hosting a day of outdoor programs to celebrate Juneteenth—the oldest nationally recognized commemoration of the ending of slavery in the U.S.—and honor the contributions of Black artists, scholars and creative voices to the City of Boston. Drop-in activities will include art making, Spotlight Talks focused on artwork by the MFA's artist-in-residence Rob Stull and musical performances curated by BAMS Fest. Limited free tickets will be available for an outdoor screening of *Summer of Soul*, presented in partnership with the Roxbury International Film Festival. Additionally, a virtual panel discussion titled "Disruption by Design: A New Path to Liberation" will take place on June 16 at 6 pm.

Roxbury International Film Festival: The 23rd annual Roxbury International Film Festival (June 17–26) takes place virtually on mfa.org and in person this year, including outdoor film screenings on June 19 and 24. RIFF is the the largest festival in New England dedicated to celebrating films by, for and about people of color. Tickets will be available to purchase on June 2.

Garden For Boston: This spring, the MFA will launch Garden for Boston, a new outdoor project by local artists and activists Ekua Holmes (African American, born 1955) and Elizabeth James-Perry (Aquinnah Wampanoag, born 1973) that welcomes visitors and opens conversations about the land that the Museum occupies. The project will be further activated through a series of public discussions

with artists, scholars and thought leaders about the deep connections and intersections between Black and Indigenous histories in Boston. Upcoming events include "Community Crossroads: Black and Native Experiences in Boston" (June 1) and "Planting Together: Conversation with Ekua Holmes and Elizabeth James-Perry" (June 22).

Past-Present-Future: Contemporary Jewelry Now: The annual Daphne Farago Fund Lecture on June 3 will bring together three contemporary artists working in jewelry today: Melanie Bilenker, Tiff Massey and Mallory Weston. These artists create provocative, relevant and socially engaged work, each positing adornment not just as aesthetic decoration, but as a vital and urgent means of connecting past to present, and communicating visions of the future through design.

Youthful Ambition: Flemish painter Anthony van Dyck was not yet 20 years old when he painted *Self-Portrait as Icarus with Daedalus* in about 1618. In a virtual program on June 8 organized by the Center for Netherlandish Art, leading experts on Flemish art take a closer look at the recently rediscovered work, which is a promised gift to the MFA from the Van Otterloo Collection. Participants will explore Van Dyck's motivations behind the painting and the pictorial traditions from which it emerged, and preview the Museum's plans for displaying works by Van Dyck and other Flemish masters in the new galleries of Dutch and Flemish art, opening fall 2021.

Sound Bites: In conjunction with *Writing the Future: Basquiat and the Hip-Hop Generation*, the MFA is hosting a Sound Bites: Nancy Lee Clark Concert Series that explores how different generations expand on and redefine early hip-hop. The concerts—filmed inside the exhibition and available for rent on the Museum's recently launched on-demand video platform, MFA Selects—conclude on June 3 with Slick Vick with Cake Swagg and Bernadine. The full suite of performances will be available to view on MFA Selects through the run of the exhibition.

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Grace

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News in Brief

HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association, (HVNA), will be on June 7 at 6pm. Please note this meeting will be presented in English and Spanish for our Harbor View residents. The meeting will be on Zoom. Please check the website (harborvieweast-boston.com) for instructions to participate by video or telephone. HVNA will continue to stream the meeting via Facebook live as well as Facebook, <https://www.Facebook.com/groups/harborview-na>.

- Agenda
- Welcome/Introduction (5min)
 - Announcements (5min)
 - Boston Police Station 7 Update Officer Dan Simons
 - 80-84 Moore Street 2nd Presentation, Attorney Richard Lynds for Trichilo Development, LLC. Demolish the existing two family home and erect a 4 story, 9 Unit housing complex with parking. (25min)
 - BPDA-Plan East Boston Jay Ruggiero (15min)
 - Climate Ready East Boston Catherine McCandless, Climate Change and Environmental Planning Project Manager (20min)
 - Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts (JCAM), Ohabei Shalom Cemetery Upgrades. Lisa Berenson, Director of Development and Jaime Corel, Executive Director. (15min)
 - Howard Stein Hudson, Sumner Tunnel Project,

Taylor Miller, Public Involvement Specialist. (15min)

Mass. Convention Center Authority- Ferry Service. Shannon McDermott. (15min)

Our next meeting will be on August 2, 2021

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OHNC TO HOLD MEETING JUNE 3

The Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) Design Review Committee Meeting Agenda – for Thursday, June 3 will be on Zoom and starts at 6:00 pm and will be recorded. The agenda is as follows:

Zoom meeting information: <https://zoom.us/j/95768836461>

- 1016 Bennington Street - Orient Heights Food Market Seeking to obtain a wine and malt beverages license.

Presentation: <http://bit.ly/1016benn>

Variances requested: N/A

Abutter's radius:

- 96 Beachview Road - Renovate the interior and exterior of the existing two-family dwelling and extend living space into the attic area.

ISD Refusal Letter: <http://bit.ly/96beachview>

Variances requested: Floor Area Ratio, Building Height, Side yard setback, Rear yard setback.

Abutter's radius:

- 100-102 Beachview Road - Erect a new two-family dwelling on a vacant lot.

ISD Refusal Letter: <http://bit.ly/100-102beachview>

Presentation: <http://bit.ly/100-102beach>

Variances requested: Lot width/Lot Frontage, Building Height, Front yard setback, Side yard setback, Rear yard setback.

Abutter's radius:

BOSTON GLORY TO HAVE FULL CAPACITY AT HOME GAMES

In accordance with state and local guidelines, Boston Glory will have full capacity at Hormel Stadium. Boston Glory is a professional ultimate team and member of the 22-team AUDL (American Ultimate Disc League). Featuring men's players from across New England, the team is poised to begin its inaugural season.

"This is what it is all about," team owner Peter Coltery said. "Going through this past winter and spring without the guarantee of fans in the building was tough, we're so excited to be able to shar our product. We're going to create a really fun environment for fans of all ages. With an incredible product on the field, we're excited to get the stands packed. Even if you're not too familiar with ultimate, we're confident you'll fall in love after a couple hours at Hormel."

The AUDL has been gaining popularity across the country since 2012. Boston Glory's season will begin in Pittsburgh on June 5. Glory will make their home debut at Hormel Stadium in Medford on June 11 against Atlanta. Tickets are available now

on the team website at <https://theaudl.com/glory>.

NATIONAL GUARD RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. MISSION

This week, 400 soldiers and airmen of the Massachusetts National Guard returned home from a 10-week public safety support mission in Washington, D.C. The deployment fell under Governor Charlie Baker's Jan. 25 activation order, which made up to 700 Massachusetts National Guard personnel available to augment the security and logistics capabilities of various agencies in the region. With the Governor's consent, these service women and men undertook this second phase of the federally funded mission.

On Friday, May 14, Governor Baker had the chance to meet, address, and thank members of the Guard for their continued service while he was in Washington D.C. for a series of meetings with federal authorities.

Although the Massachusetts National Guard remains ready to assist when called, there are no current plans to deploy further personnel to support public safety in Washington, D.C., and all Guard personnel associated with this mission have returned to their home stations.

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Rescued sea turtles to be released into the wild

Staff Report

Following a historic season that saw hundreds of cold-stunned sea turtles wash ashore on Cape Cod, the New England Aquarium sent off 25 rehabilitated turtles to be released back into the wild from the North Carolina coast.

The turtles spent the past four to six months at the Aquarium’s Sea Turtle Hospital in Quincy. Volunteer pilots with the non-profit organization Turtles Fly Too met animal care staff members at the Marshfield Airport to safely get the turtles onboard and en route to North Carolina’s warmer waters off Fort Macon State Park. Three planes transported the rehabilitated turtles south, along with nine turtles from National Marine Life Center and Mystic Aquarium.

“It is so rewarding to see many of these turtles returning to their home,” said Adam Kennedy, senior biologist at the Aquarium. “While I would love to be there to set the turtles down on the beach myself, knowing that this honor will go to others that have played such pivotal roles rescuing these animals over the years—especially this year—makes it just as special.”

Aquarium biologists and veterinarians had treated the Kemp’s ridley turtles, an endangered species, for a variety of



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life-threatening medical conditions that resulted from weeks of hypothermia and the inability to feed during stranding season, which occurs when New England waters quickly turn cold in the fall. The 2020 season, which began in October, required strict safety protocols and tight coordination with partner organizations amid the pandemic. The Aquarium worked closely with Mass Audubon’s Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, National Marine Life Center, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Fisheries Service, and Turtles Fly Too to save hundreds of turtles. Over the course of the season, the Aquarium admitted 569 sea turtles for rehabilitation. There are currently 15 turtles remaining at the Quincy facility, which will be released off Cape Cod over the summer.

For more than 30 years, the New England Aquarium has helped rescue, rehabilitate, release, and research endangered and threatened sea turtles. The Aquarium’s Sea Turtle Hospital functions similarly to how a human patient would be admitted to a hospital. When they first arrive, the turtles are assigned a federal number to track their medical plan, acting as an identifier for prescriptions and other specialized care. The turtles then receive a physical exam, replacement fluids, heart rate and respiration assessment, wound care as needed, and a trial swim. The trial swim helps biologists and veterinarians determine the turtle’s level of activity and alertness. Turtles also get X-rays to assess for fractured bones and lung condition, with many diagnosed with pneumonia.



Twenty-five rehabilitated turtles to be released back into the wild from the North Carolina coast.



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Overlord”, and headed for Saipan Island in the Marianas.

The Battle of Saipan, which would later be referred to as the “Pacific D-Day”, began on June 13, 1944 with a Naval bombardment of the island. The bombardment was followed by the first wave of troop landings on the beachheads on June 15.

It was here William and Jonathan witnessed the brutality of battle. As medics in a forward field hospital close to enemy lines, the medics of the 38th and other medical units on the island were constant targets of Japanese fire during the 24 day battle.

It was here that Army Captain Ben L. Salomon, an Army dentist, was awarded a posthumous Medal of Honor. As the 2nd Battalion, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division aided the evacuation of wounded soldiers Solomon began defending his unarmed patients from Japanese soldiers. He later manned a machine gun post and effectively repelled numerous enemy forces to enable the evacuation of wounded personnel. When his bullet-riddled body was recovered two days after the battle, 98 dead Japanese soldiers were found in front of his position.

Ignoring the dangers all around them William and Jonathan tended to the wounded throughout the battle--constantly risking their own lives to save the lives of their fellow soldiers.



William August’s sister, Anna, who was a nurse stateside during the war.



Jonathan Bratt, who became William’s closest friends during the War in the Pacific. The two served in the 38th Field Hospital during the Battle of Saipan.

tle of Saipan, 3,426 US soldiers were killed and 10,364 wounded. Another 10,000 Japanese soldiers were killed making it one of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific behind the Bat-

tles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

After battle and serving for another four months in the Pacific William was granted a furlough and was to return stateside on

November 10, 1944 for some much needed rest.

Jonathan quickly corresponded with his parents in San Francisco and made arrangements for his new friend to stay with his family on the West Coast.

The night before his furlough the boys of the 38th Field Hospital threw William a party and the next day he boarded a USAAF Troop Transport Aircraft to fly to Honolulu and then to California.

A few hours into the flight the plane exploded in midair between a Pacific Island and Hawaii.

William, along with everyone else on board, was killed instantly and his body never recovered.

When news of the explosion reached Jonathan and the 38th Field Hospital the men were devastated by the loss of their friend.

Jonathan took the news particularly hard and began corresponding with William’s parents in East Boston, vowing to visit them as soon as he was discharged from duty.

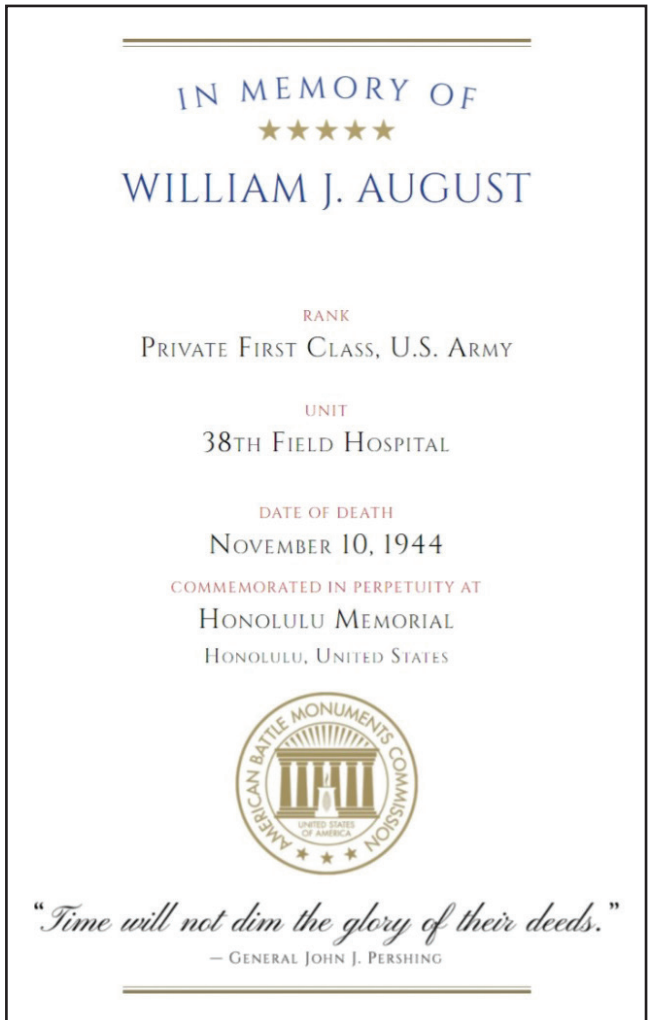
After the war Jonathan made good on his promise and visited Joseph and Albina at their Saratoga Street home.

It was during this visit Jonathan met William’s grieving sister, Anna, who was working as a nurse stateside during the war.

The two bonded over the loss of their friend and brother and soon fell in love.

Jonathan headed back to San Francisco but kept up correspondence with Anna until he returned months later and proposed marriage and Anna accepted.

The two were married



William August’s Honolulu War Memorial certificate. William is Commemorated in Perpetuity at the US war memorial in Hawaii.

in 1946 and in the years that followed the two moved back to San Francisco, raised six children and lived an extraordinarily happy life that was born from an unspeakable tragedy during the war.

Decades after the war and a few years before he passed away, Jonathan showed me a letter he had kept since the war.

The letter was written on November 9 and described the party the men of the 38th Field Hospital were throwing for William before he left for the states. Jonathan writes how the men were ribbing William, or “Augie the Great” as they called him, for getting to go stateside for a few weeks. William

was dancing and playing a harmonica poorly. The men were drinking beers and joking around and all celebrating the good fortune of their friend who would soon leave the war zone for some normalcy. Jonathan also drives home the point of their close bond and wants to make sure his parents show him a good time in San Francisco.

“For whatever reason, I never mailed that letter and it’s the only thing of William I have left,” said Jonathan decades later.

Private First Class William August of East Boston is Commemorated in Perpetuity at the Honolulu War Memorial in Hawaii.